

(1) Titles II (38 FR 14951–14952) and III (38 FR 14951–14952) to the Administrator, Soil Conservation Service.

(2) Title V (38 FR 14949–14950) to the Administrators, Cooperative State Research Service and the Extension Service respectively.

(c) Title IV (38 FR 14945–14948). Responsibility delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research and Education and redelegated (38 FR 14950–14951) to the Chief of the Forest Service.

(d) Title VI, section 603 (38 FR 14948). Responsibility delegated to Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and redelegated (38 FR 14953) to the Administrator, Rural Development Service.

The Rural Development Act recognizes that many Federal departments and agencies of the executive branch of government administer programs and provide services which are applicable to the needs of rural communities. Section 603 of the Rural Development Act charges the Secretary of Agriculture with providing governmentwide leadership for, and with coordinating a nationwide rural development program. In such coordination, the Secretary shall seek measures that will achieve effective integration of relevant Federal services in rural areas as provided by Agriculture agencies and other Departments and agencies. This section also requires that the Secretary shall establish goals and report to the Congress on progress in complying with specified purposes of the Act. The Federal Regional Council will play a major role in coordination at the field level. An organic Act of the Department (7 U.S.C. 2201) has been amended to require the Secretary to add Rural Development to those purposes for which he is authorized to acquire and diffuse useful information.

#### **§ 22.103 Purpose.**

The purpose of these regulations is to establish the policies, procedures, and responsibilities required by section 603 of the Rural Development Act.

#### **§ 22.104 General policy.**

Federal implementation of the Act will be consistent with the President's policy of decentralized decisionmaking and administrative responsibility

which gives fullest possible consideration to State and local rural development goals and priorities. As a result of section 817(4) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93–86) which prohibits prior approval by any State officials of any loan or grant under any program authorized by title I of the Rural Development Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–419), it has been necessary to substantially modify the planned administration of programs under section 603 of the Rural Development Act.

### **Subpart B—Roles and Responsibilities of Federal Government**

#### **§ 22.201 Coordination.**

The following identifies types and levels of coordination:

(a) Washington level interdepartmental and interagency coordination for purposes of the Act.

(b) Coordination for purposes of the Act among agencies within the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(c) Coordination among and between the field operations of Federal agencies for purposes of the Act.

(d) Coordination for purposes of the Act between levels of field operations of the Federal government and State governments.

#### **§ 22.202 Federal unit responsibilities.**

The following Federal units have major responsibilities in implementing the Act.

(a) Rural Development policy questions requiring resolution by the Committee on Community Development of the President's Domestic Council may be so referred by the Secretary of Agriculture, who will sit as a member and as Chairman of the Rural Development Committee.

(b) The Under Secretary of Agriculture will represent the Secretary in matters pertaining to rural development policy when such matters are of mutual concern to the Under Secretaries' Group for Regional Operations (Executive Order 11647 as amended by E.O. 11731) and the Federal Regional Councils, or at such other times that he or the Secretary may deem appropriate.